

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:)	
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The commission meeting commenced, pursuant to notice, at 11:03 a.m., before the Commissioners of the United States International Trade Commission, the Honorable DEANNA TANNER OKUN, Chairman, presiding.

On behalf of the International Trade Commission:

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STEPHEN KOPLAN, COMMISSIONER
CHARLOTTE R. LANE, COMMISSIONER (via telephone)
DANIEL R. PEARSON, COMMISSIONER

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GRACEMARY ROTH-ROFFY, ATTORNEY
BONNIE NOREEN, SUPERVISORY INVESTIGATOR

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1 1056, (Preliminary) Certain Aluminum Plate from South
2 Africa, I want to take a moment to note that sitting
3 in the supervisory investigator role for the last time
4 is Ms. Bonnie Noreen. As the Commission is aware,
5 Bonnie has decided to retire after 30 years of service
6 in the federal government, the last 26 of which have
7 been with the International Trade Commission.

8 I want to note that she has played a key
9 role in the round of transition-sunset cases when they
10 came before the Commission and that she has willingly
11 accepted responsibility for supervising some of the
12 most challenging and complex investigations before the
13 Commission, including DRAMs and the massive Midpoint
14 Review on Steel and Wheat, just to name a few.

15 Those who know her best will remember her
16 for her dedication and desire for perfection. Her
17 reputation for spending entire nights at the office,
18 both in this building and in the previous one, is well
19 known, and we witnessed this most recently in the
20 Steel 204 Monitoring Report, where it is on good
21 authority that I know that she spent every morning
22 here. She was here early in the morning until
23 midnight each day for the last month to ensure that
24 the report to the president was of the highest quality
25 and was completed on time. And for all of these

1 things, the Commission is very grateful for her
2 service to us.

3 I would also note that, in talking to those
4 who have worked for her, that she will be remembered
5 for her kindness, generosity, and selflessness that
6 she has always exhibited on the job with her co-
7 workers, and she will be greatly missed.

8 So, Ms. Noreen, we want to wish you well.
9 You're not done yet, though, today, but this is the
10 last time that you will appear here, and I wanted to
11 take this opportunity.

12 Does any commissioner want to add anything?
13 Vice Chairman Hillman?

14 VICE CHAIRMAN HILLMAN: Not really to add
15 other than to just say I certainly agree with
16 everything the chairman has said and would want to
17 express just my own thanks to you, Bonnie. I had the
18 occasion, just recently, with respect to the wheat
19 investigation, -- I think the chairman is absolutely
20 right -- when we've had a particularly difficult or
21 particularly hard investigation to work with, it has
22 almost always fallen to Bonnie because the Commission
23 knows how much we can count on her tremendous
24 dedication and her attention to detail and to make
25 sure that it gets done right and gets done on time.

1 So I would simply add my many thanks to all
2 of the very, very good efforts that you have put in
3 over the many years that you've been at the
4 Commission. Our thanks.

5 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Commissioner Koplan?

6 COMMISSIONER KOPLAN: Thank you, Madam
7 Chairman. I want to join with you in your remarks.

8 Bonnie, I'm someone who enjoys asking
9 questions, so I've never had this opportunity before.
10 I want to ask you a question. Is it too late for you
11 to change your mind?

12 MS. NOREEN: Yes, sir, it is too late.

13 COMMISSIONER KOPLAN: I am not surprised by
14 that. I don't have a follow-up question. I will just
15 say this to you: I had the privilege of serving just
16 before Deanna was chairman, and I got to really, I
17 feel, know you extremely well at a time when it was,
18 you know, perhaps the busiest the Commission had had
19 up until that point, and I was always impressed not
20 only with your competence but with the goodwill and
21 good cheer in which you did everything, never
22 complaining, just getting it done right. And I feel
23 privileged to have worked with you for the last five
24 and a half years, and I wish you well. Thank you very
25 much for everything.

1 COMMISSIONER MILLER: Madam Chairman?

2 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Yes, Commissioner Miller.

3 COMMISSIONER MILLER: It's difficult to do
4 this from afar, but, Bonnie, this voice will join in
5 saying that we will miss you very much at the
6 Commission. Everything my colleagues have said
7 doesn't need to be repeated, so just to say that I,
8 too, personally will miss you, as will the Commission
9 as a whole.

10 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Does any other commissioner
11 want to add their remarks?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN OKUN: With that, again, -- sorry
14 -- Commissioner Pearson?

15 COMMISSIONER PEARSON: I would just say
16 briefly that I know you primarily by reputation, which
17 is outstanding, and I would express just a touch of
18 regret that I won't have an opportunity to get to know
19 you better on future cases, but have a wonderful
20 retirement.

21 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Well, thank you, and, again,
22 thank you, Ms. Noreen, and welcome for this vote on
23 Investigation No. 731-TA-1056, (Preliminary) Certain
24 Aluminum Plate from South Africa.

25 Does any commissioner have any other

1 questions for the staff?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Are there any additions or
4 corrections to the staff report?

5 MS. NOREEN: Bonnie Noreen with the Office
6 of Investigations. No, Madam Chairman. There are no
7 revisions to the staff report.

8 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Is there any objection to
9 approval of the staff report?

10 (No response.)

11 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Hearing none, it is
12 approved.

13 Madam Secretary, will you please call the
14 roll?

15 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Hillman?

16 VICE CHAIRMAN HILLMAN: I vote in the
17 affirmative.

18 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Miller?

19 COMMISSIONER MILLER: I vote in the
20 affirmative.

21 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Koplan?

22 COMMISSIONER KOPLAN: I vote in the
23 affirmative.

24 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Lane?

25 COMMISSIONER LANE: I vote in the

1 affirmative.

2 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Okun?

3 CHAIRMAN OKUN: I vote in the affirmative.

4 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Pearson?

5 COMMISSIONER PEARSON: I also vote in the
6 affirmative.

7 MS. ABBOTT: Madam Chairman, the Commission
8 has reached an affirmative determination.

9 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Thank you. Further
10 information regarding this determination will be in a
11 press release. The Commission currently is scheduled
12 to transmit commissioners' opinions to the Department
13 of Commerce on or before December 8, 2003.

14 Thank you again to all staff who
15 participated in this investigation. With no other
16 business to come before the Commission, this meeting
17 is adjourned.

18 (Whereupon, at 11:10 a.m., the Commission
19 meeting was adjourned.)

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CERTIFICATION OF TRANSCRIPTION

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